

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE WASHINGTON FIELD	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 3/20/62	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/21/62 - 3/20/62
TITLE OF CASE  VERA CHRISTINE PRATT, aka "V"		REPORT MADE BY LAWRENCE S. MOHR	TYPED BY mdl
		CHARACTER OF CASE  VOA (USIA)	

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## REFERENCES

Bureau letter to New York dated 2/16/62.  
 New York airtel to Memphis dated 3/12/62.  
 New York airtel to Boston dated 3/2/62.  
 New York airtel to WFO dated 3/13/62.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Applicant listed a residence at 1304½ 30th Street, N. W., which address investigation failed to reveal. The Danish Agricultural Minister resides at [redacted] and no inquiry has been made at this address, inasmuch as the other residents interviewed in this neighborhood are long time residents and are acquainted with the Danish Minister and know of no residence beyond his own house which might be identical with 1304½ 30th Street, N. W.

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APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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Mrs. JANET LEE PARTRIDGE, Legislative Aid to United States Senator JACOB K. JAVITS, of New York, stated she interviewed applicant when applicant came to the Senator's Office seeking employment. She stated the applicant's mother is known to their office as an executive, probably on a volunteer basis, for a civic group in New York City which is principally interested in underprivileged children. She stated that she had some social and official contact with the applicant and on the basis of her limited contact and opportunity to observe the applicant, she had no reason to question her character, associates, reputation, or loyalty. She recommended the applicant for a position of trust and confidence.

United States Information Agency (USIA)

The following investigation was conducted March 15, 1962, by SA PAUL E. ERTZINGER:

Mr. WILLIAM G. WYLES, Clerk, Personnel Services Branch, advised that applicant has not entered on duty to date and, therefore, no personnel file is maintained on her.

Applicant's file at the Security Office, USIA, reflects only the applicant has applied for a position as Information Specialist and contained no additional pertinent information.

West Brooklyn Independent Democrats Committee

The following persons were interviewed March 15, 1962, by SA ERTZINGER:

WILLIAM HADDAD, Associate Director, Peace Corps, stated he has known applicant approximately four years, and had dated her steadily for about one year when he first met her. He stated he met her through her step-father, JOSEPH LASH, who works for the New York Post, and stated he had known LASH himself when he, too, worked for the Post as a reporter. He stated that in approximately 1958, he interested the applicant in the work of the above captioned Committee, where they worked together closely in a primary fight involving political structure and administration. He stated the Committee fought for liberal policies in these fields, none of which could be related to leftists or questionable loyalty activities.

HADDAD described the applicant as a very sophisticated, hard-working, attractive young lady with a very pleasing personality and stated he would vouch for her character, associates,

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reputation, and loyalty. He stated he has known applicant's mother well for many years as a leader in progressive activities, and as a friend of Mrs. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT. He stated that her family and associates are all good loyal Americans and not only would he recommend applicant favorably for a position of trust and confidence, but would hire her if he could. He stated that to his knowledge she has never been married.

WILLIAM DELANO, General Counsel, Peace Corps, advised he has known the applicant since 1958, when she assisted him in a political campaign in the 1958 primary in Brooklyn. He stated that she assumed much responsibility and he never knew any person to be more responsible or pleasant to deal with under stress than is the applicant. He stated he and his family have had some social contact with the applicant and consider her a very lovely person whose character, associates, reputation, and loyalty is above question. He stated she has always had a very strong feeling for the country and its problems, particularly those of minority groups. He stated he has not seen applicant but a few times since 1958, and stated she has never been married to the best of his knowledge. He stated he would recommend applicant most highly for a position of trust and confidence.

#### NEIGHBORHOODS

1311 29th Street, N. W.

On March 17, 1962, Mrs. VIOLET ORME, [redacted] [redacted], advised that the applicant has been residing in an apartment at the above captioned address since the first of December, 1961, to the present. She stated the applicant has an apartment by herself and keeps pretty much to herself and pays her rent on time. She stated applicant appears to be an honest person of excellent character and habits and that on the basis of her very limited association with the applicant, she would have no reason to question her loyalty.

Mr. BEN BRADSHAW, [redacted] stated that he does not personally know the applicant, but is aware that she resides at the above captioned address, as he receives mail frequently that is addressed to her.

3050 N Street, N. W.

On March 17, 1962, CORONA HAYDEN, Wise and Chatel Real Estate, 1332 Wisconsin Avenue, N. W., advised that